

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF POLICE AND PMF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to strengthen and expand the police and paramilitary forces to counter new age crimes such as terrorism;
- (b) if so, whether the forces have been imparted a new kind of training and equipped with state-of-the art weaponry to prepare them better;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether some State Governments are lagging behind in expanding and strengthening the police forces due to shortage of funds;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (f) further steps taken to upgrade police forces in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f) : Strengthening and augmentation of Police Forces and the Central Para Military Forces is an on-going exercise in accordance with the requirements of policing and internal security. 244 Battalions of Central Para Military Forces have been sanctioned since the year 2001. 75 IR Battalions have also been sanctioned to the States to increase the self-reliance in internal security needs. Modernisation of Central Para Military Forces is also being undertaken under a similar Modernisation Plan.

Training curricula for police training have been upgraded to include specific inputs in areas like counter-insurgency, bomb-disposal, cyber crime etc. Weaponry is provided based on operational requirements.

Even while 'Police' is a State subject, the efforts made by the States is being supplemented by the Central Government through assistance under the scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces in areas like weaponry, security and surveillance equipment, communication system, computerization, transportation, modernisation at Police Station level etc.